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REMARKS

Applicants and their Attorney thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the August 2, 2007, August 7, 2007, and August 8, 2007 telephonic interviews during which the foregoing claim amendments and outstanding rejections were discussed.

Claims 1, 5-9, 11-21, and 49-56 were pending in the instant application. Claims 9, 15, 18, 19, 53, and 54 have been amended, and claims 51, 52, and 55 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 1, 5-9, 11-21, 49, 50, 53, 54, and 56 will remain pending in the application.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments. Support for the claim amendments and the new claims presented herein may be found throughout the originally filed application and claims. Specifically, support for the amendments to claim 9 may be found at least at claim 9, as originally filed. Support for the amendments to claim 15 may be found at least at page 30, lines 16-18 of the specification. Support for the amendments to claim 19 can be found at least in claim 19, as originally filed. Support for the amendments to claims 53 and 54 can be found at least in claims 49 and 50.

It is Applicants' understanding that claims 1-7 and 16-21 are linking claims, linking the inventions of Groups I and II. Pursuant to the teleconference with Examiner Rawlings on August 2, 2007, it is Applicants' understanding that the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions (Groups I and II) will be withdrawn pursuant to MPEP § 804, and that claims 11-15, dependent upon the linking claims, will be rejoined.

Amendment and/or cancellation of the claims is not to be construed as acquiescence to any of the objections/rejections set forth in the instant Office Action or any previous Office Action of the parent application, and was done solely to expedite prosecution of the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims, as originally filed, or similar claims in this or one or more subsequent patent applications.

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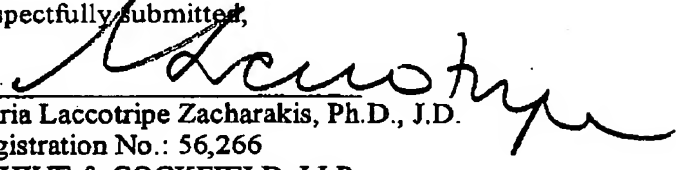
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendments and remarks presented, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of this application with the pending claims are respectfully requested. If a telephone conversation with the Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

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